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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA PRE-IG REVIEW - REVISED LANGUAGE

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1. PLEASE SUBSTITUTE FOR PARAGRAPH 5 OF REFTEL THE
FOLLOWING LANGUAGE PROVIDED BY DOD/ISA AND JCS:

QUOTE

5. U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO COLOMBIA

A. FMS CREDIT: PRE-IG MEMBERS APPRECIATED YOUR REASONING
AND HAD NO REAL PROBLEM WITH CONCEPT OF CONCENTRATION
OF FMS CREDIT RESOURCES IN FY 1977 IN SUPPORT OF MOD
PROPOSED MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. OSD/ISA AND JCS
REPRESENTATIVES WERE INALTERABLY OPPOSED, HOWEVER, TO
INCLUDING FMS CREDIT LEVELS FOR THE QTE OUT YEARS UNQTE
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OF FY 1978-1980 AS SHOWN IN TABLE ON PAGE 12. THE

REASONING WAS THAT THIS CASP DOES NOT ADDRESS THOSE YEARS AND THE PROPER PLACE TO CONSIDER THEM AT THIS TIME IS THE POM WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER PREPARATION. TASK BEFORE US IS TO MODIFY THE REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION SECTION ON PAGES 12-13 SUFFICIENTLY TO CLEARLY INDICATE

THAT 26.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FY 1977 REPRESENTS A CONCIIOUS PARTIAL EFFORT AT FRONT LOADING FROM THE OUT YEARS WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE OFFSET BY REDUCED LEVELS IN THESE FUTURE YEARS. EMBASSY COMMENTS OR PROPOSED REVISED LANGUAGE ARE INVITED.

B. PERSONNEL LEVELS: OSD/ISA AND JCS REPRESENTATIVES BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRE-IG THAT THE PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING MILGP STAFF LEVELS IS NOT THROUGH THE CASP BUT VIA OTHER MECHANISMS ESTABLISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

C. EVENHANDEDNESS: A RECOMMENDATION WILL BE MADE TO THE IG THAT THE EVENHANDEDNESS POLICY NOW IN EFFECT BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA BE MODIFIED TO EXCLUDE FMS CREDITS. A SIMILAR RECOMMENDATION WILL BE MADE IN THE VENEZUELA IG. YOUR COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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2. ALSO, PLEASE ADD TO FOURTH PARAGRAPH UNDER NUMBERED PARAGRAPH 4 (AFTER SENTENCE ENDING AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME) THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE:

QUOTE

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PRE-IG NOTED THAT APPROPRIATE LEVEL GOC VIEWS ON THE DIRECTION OF THE AID PROGRAM WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE IG IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ISSUE.

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